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TURF TOPICS.

Despite the fact that some of our leading
turfites were present at the concert last
night, there was rather a large attendance
at the Race Course this morning, some
owners turning up who rarely come to see
their ponies gallop.

A considerable diversion was caused by
a contingent of police being detailed off to
shoot the stray dogs which invest the
course in the morning, much to the an-
noyance, inconvenience, and not a little
danger of the ponies and their riders. His
"tag," as reported, was one dog killed and
one peppered, but this is not authentic.

Though it was not actually raining when
the light began to show, there was a heavy
mist over the valley which obscured the
posts on the far side. The outside course
was closed, so the sand track only could be
used. The going was heavy, the ponies
splashing through pools of water lying here
and there on the track.

The following were the times taken:—
Forster, one mile, last half, 37, 1.10.
Pinto, three-quarters, 39, 1.16, 1.50.
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mile, 34, 1.11, 1.47, 2.23.
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39, 1.17, 1.52.
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quarters, 40, 1.18, 1.53.

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quarter, 41, 1.18, 1.55, 2.33, 3.07.
Mr. Mody's sub., and Mr. Christian's
sub., one mile, last three-quarters, 42,
1.19, 1.53.

Mr. Toog's Derby, Volga, three-quarters,
last half, 42, 1.18.
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quarters, 37, 1.14, 1.48.

Mr. Toog's dun Derby, Desires, three
quarters, 39, 1.15, 1.49.
Mr. Toog's grey sub, Swan, one mile and
a quarter, 43, 1.23, 1.59, 2.34, 3.06.

Mr. Toog's sub., Hunduck, one mile, 37,
1.14, 1.51, 2.23.
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half, 41, 1.19, 1.55, 2.30, 3.05, 3.40.

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mile, 39, 1.12, 1.50, 2.22.
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ters, 37, 1.13, 1.47.

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53, 1.29, 2.07, 2.42, 3.17.

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quarter, 43, 1.30, 1.57, 2.34, 3.07.

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last half, 39, 1.14.
Mr. MacDonald's roan sub., three quar-
ters, 35, 1.11, 1.46.

BANK NOTES.

The returns of the average amount of
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9 p.m.—Billiard Championship at St.
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and landing charges.

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11 a.m.—Auction of Furniture & Fix-
tures, at St. George's Club.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

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Noon.—Diocesan School Prize Distribu-
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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1909.

A GOLD STANDARD.

The action of the Board of Finance at

Peking, with reference to the establish-
ment of a uniform silver currency for

the whole of China, demands more con-
sideration on the part of the financiers

of this colony than it has, so far as we
are aware, at present received. There

can be no question, that, as far as China
itself is concerned, the decision arrived

at is a wise one, and the moderation
with which the new proposals have been

promulgated argues that the matter has
been carefully thought out, and will

probably be carried through with the
minimum of friction and of confusion.

The existence of some such standard of
value has been a crying want for a very

long time, and possibly no nation less
patient or less conservative than the

Chinese would have submitted to the
inconvenience and loss, which its ab-
sence has entailed, without complaint.

The authorities at Peking are to be con-
gratulated upon having taken, on their
own initiative, one very important step

in the direction of reform. That they
should have done so at all is one reason;

(there are several others), for concluding
that the scheme will be persevered in

and eventually successfully carried out,
and in that expectation it behoves the

European merchants of Hongkong and
of China generally to form an opinion

as to how far it will affect them, and
when the results to be gradually

achieved will be felt. To take the latter

question first, we imagine that the
course of events will be something as
follows: The first issues of the new
metal will, owing to the heavy demands
on the Mint for the new coins, be
absorbed almost entirely by the capital
and the neighbouring metropolitan
provinces. Ten years having been
allowed for the completion of the work,
it would seem probable that during the
first one or two, the coins will be scarce
in all other parts of the empire, and the
effect on European trade will be trifling,
while it will be carried on for the most
part as at present. The turn of the
treaty ports will come next, and since
all Custom's dues are estimated in Hai-
kwan taels it would seem probable that
the Custom authorities may find it
necessary to demand that year by year
a gradually increasing proportion of
these dues shall be paid in standard
coins of the Empire, which will require
to be bought for that purpose. If two
years more should elapse before the
mints are capable of coping with the
increased demand, there remain
but six in which the entire copper
cash currency of the vast interior
regions is to be replaced by the new
system. This is not at all too long a time
in which to effect so complete a change,
and will very possibly be greatly
exceeded. Thus it would seem that
we may anticipate two years of com-
parative immunity from inconvenience,
followed by two years of stress owing to
the insufficiency of available coinage,
which will have to be borne mainly by
the Chinese themselves, and subsequent-
ly only such inconvenience as will arise
from the difference in the exchange
medium in use in Hongkong and in the
Chinese Empire. This will be per-
manent and accustomed as we are to a
practical identity of coinage, here and
on the mainland, it will probably be
annoying, and till we have adjusted
ourselves to the circumstances an im-
pediment to commerce.

Yet notwithstanding all this we are
disposed to congratulate the Colony on
the fact that it has been brought about
by the action of the Chinese Board of
Finance (we could never have done more
than suggested it), because it makes the
reversion to a gold standard for Hong-
kong so much the easier and more
desirable; we can even imagine circum-
stances to arise that would make it in-
evitable. There are many among us
(we are not ourselves of the number)
who have looked to this as the true
remedy for the monetary troubles that
have afflicted the colony, and the belief
that this was the only radical cure
possible has, perhaps, been the reason
why nothing has been attempted in this
direction hitherto. We are assuming
that the movement to be inaugurated
this year is successful. Should it be only
partially so, there will be still greater
confusion, and a satisfactory solution will
only be the more imperatively necessary.

It would not be difficult, with the present
low price of silver, to devise a scheme
which would not only afford us a means
of establishing a gold standard in
Hongkong, but might also be a stepping
stone towards the foundation of a
decimal system for Great Britain and
her Colonies, which has for so long a
time been talked of and desired. But we
must leave the plan we have to put
forward for this double purpose to a
subsequent opportunity or till it is
demanded. On one point it seems that
the Board of Finance has been ill ad-
vised. It has been decided that the tael
shall have a considerably greater degree
of fineness than the Mexican dollar, the
Japanese yen, and the British dollar,
which are all similar in this respect.

This not only complicates the matter,
but makes use of a material which
experience has shown to be too
soft for a circulating medium in
constant use. It leads to a suspicion
that it is not intended to issue any large
number of these coins, but to use them
rather as an academic standard, to
which the minor coinage, which is to be
of a harder alloy, shall be referred.

The point is perhaps of no great im-
portance so far as China is concerned—
any system of general application would
be preferable to the entire want of

system that at present prevails—still it
precludes the interchange of currency
with the present legal medium of
exchange in the Far East by weight
alone, which would otherwise have
been feasible. On the other hand
there would appear to be no occasion to
fear that the new Chinese coinage will
filter into this colony, as the Canton
subsidiary coinage has done, and it is
for the Government to see that the
gradually discarded currency of Southern
China is not allowed to do so. It would
appear that we have at least one year
to set our house in order and it will be
well for us that we are not found
napping.

THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY.

The Present Position.

An appeal to raise funds for a University
at Hongkong was issued to-day, by His
Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, who sums
up the present position as follows:—

A very fine set of buildings has been
promised. These include 6 lecture rooms,
3 laboratories, a large hall, a large dining
room, 2 libraries, with lavatories, offices
and professors' rooms on the ground floor
and 4 large dormitories on the first floor.

Detached from the main building is an
anatomical laboratory, a recreation pavilion,
a gymnasium, a swimming bath, an
entrance lodge, tennis courts, &c. The
Government is prepared, subject to the
concurrence of the Secretary of State to
give a very fine site, probably the only
one suitable for such a purpose in the
Colony. The moment is singularly op-
portune for if the University is not
inaugurated now the College of Medicine
will be built on a separate and very
cramped site, and it is hopeless to anti-
cipate that it will ever then become a
Faculty of the University. Whether we
are able to avail ourselves of these generous
offers, and of this present opportunity
depends upon whether we can raise an
adequate Endowment Fund,—which is put
at £110,000 including furnishing and the
equipment of the libraries and the labo-
ratories, and engineers' shops, &c. Mr
Lugard offers certain sums of money in
these circumstances I earnestly appeal
to all who desire on the one hand to assist
China in acquiring Western knowledge,
and on the other hand to extend British
prestige, and the knowledge of the Eng-
lish language, in the East, to assist in the
project.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 8th December
was delivered in London on the 7th inst.

The English Mail of the 12th Decem-
ber was delivered in London on the 8th
inst.

Capt. Wagemann, of the German
steamer Nicomedia, fell overboard and was
drowned while the vessel was passing
through the Shimoda Straits on the
27th December.

A notification is contained in the
Gazette that the Governor-in-Council has
granted permission to the Civil Service
Cricket Club to use allotment A2 on Mon-
days, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Seven defendants were charged at the
Marine Court, before Commander Basil
Taylor, R.N., with making fast their
boats to the steam launch Ho Kong
while under way in the harbour, and were
each fined \$3.

A Pittsburg telegram to the *Tribune*
states that it is years since the outlook
in the steel industry was so rosy as it is at
present. It is announced that the Steel
Trust has received fresh orders for 500,000
tons of steel.

His Excellency the Governor has been
pleased to appoint Lieut. H. W. Green,
2nd Battalion, the Buffs, as the military
member of the committee for the Wong-
nei-chong and Queen's Recreation grounds,
vice Lieut. G. R. Home.

The Panama Canal will be open in
1915 if the present rate of progress is
maintained, said Dr. Vaughan Cornish,
speaking before the Royal Geographical
Society. Social life near the works is al-
ready that of a well-ordered and respect-
able community.

Four masters of junks were charged
at the Marine Court to-day with failing
to exhibit the regulation lights while at
anchor in the harbour. The first and
second defendants stated that they had
lights, but that the wind blew them out
while they were asleep. These cases
were adjourned, but the other defendants
were each fined \$2.

A coolie, having been detected in a
theft of 10lbs. of shrimps on the s.s.
Minnesota, attempted to commit suicide
on the boat by hanging himself with a
rope. He was discovered in a semi-
conscious condition, and at the Magistrate's
to-day was sentenced to two months' hard
labour—one month for the theft and one
month for attempting to take his life.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that a rule
has been made by the Governor-in-Council
under Section 6 (1) of the Stamp Ordinance,
1901, to the effect that on and from the 1st
January, 1909, the stamp duty payable in
respect of any golden warrant or receipt,
being of the nature of an agreement, shall
be ten cents, in place of one dollar as in
Article 2 in the first schedule to Ordinance
No. 38 of 1902.

GROUP IS IMMINENT.

No matter how well your children may
appear to be, you are never safe
without a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy in the house. It never fails to
relieve and is perfectly safe to give the
little ones. For sale by all chemists and
druggists.

BRITAIN'S TRADE
DECLINE.
IMPORTS DECREASE BY
£52,000,000 AND EXPORTS
BY £48,000,000.
(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)
LONDON, January 8.
There has been a decrease during the
past twelve months in exports from
Great Britain of £48,815,504, while the
imports have shrunk by £52,667,219.

A RECOMMENDATION.

(Wah Ts Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, January 8.

Shun Pao-ki, ex-minister to Germany,
strongly recommends Shun Shui-lin,
Charge d'Affaires, as a very capable
diplomatist and one likely to make a
good Chinese Minister at a foreign
Court.

**ANOTHER MINISTER
DENOUNCED.**

(Wah Ts Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, January 8.

Chan Pik, President of the Board of
Communications, has been denounced
to the Throne by Shiang Hwai, for
corruption. The Prince Regent is
greatly moved at these charges.

**AMERICAN NAVAL EX-
PANSION.**

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LONDON, January 8.

The United States Government has
submitted to Congress plans for the
building of four 25,000 ton battleships,
four cruisers, and nineteen smaller
vessels. The cost will be \$875,000,000.

**THE ILLNESS OF LADY
LUGARD.**

On inquiry this afternoon we are infor-
med that the slight improvement in the
condition of Lady Lugard is being main-
tained, although her Ladyship is very
seriously ill, in fact more so than was
anticipated by the general public. His Ex-
cellency the Governor is unremitting in his
attention upon her Ladyship, and since the
commencement of the recent indis-
position of Lady Lugard, has had a
very anxious time indeed. Not only the
sympathies of the inhabitants of the Colony,
but all along the China Coast and
elsewhere will be with Sir Frederick
Lugard during this trying time and every-
one, we feel sure, entertains the wish that
Lady Lugard will speedily be restored to
health and be permitted for many years to
come to occupy that position in society to
which she is so justly fitted.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Monsieur C. V. E. Dapst, French
Minister in Peking, has been appointed to
the Foreign Office in Paris.

The Emperor of Japan has given yen
10,000 from his private purse for the relief
of the Italian earthquake sufferers.

Lord Windsor has succumbed to enteric
fever in India. He was in his fifty-second
year and was the fourteenth Baron Windsor,
tracing his descent from William Fitzwalter
castellan of Windsor Castle under the
Empress Maud, daughter of Henry I. He
had large estates in the neighbourhood of
Cardiff.

A prominent business man who has been
restored to health by the timely use
of Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil, refers
to it as "priceless blessing." A reliable
blood tonic and tissue builder—delicious in
taste.

**FRONTIER TROUBLES IN
AFRICA.**

**DAMARALAND RAIDS BEING
SUPPRESSED.**

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)
LONDON, January 8.

With the co-operation of the Cape
authorities measures are being taken
in suppress the Hottentot raids in
German Damaraland. Great gratifica-
tion is being expressed at this in Berlin.
The German Government considers that
the steps being taken will have a
lasting effect on lawlessness amongst
the frontier population.

[Damaraland is the name of the northern
district of German South-west Africa, a
serious rising broke out in 1904 and gave
great trouble during that year; it was not
completely suppressed until 1907.]

**YUAN SHIH-KAI'S
DISMISSAL.**

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)
LONDON, January 9.

The *Times* Peking correspondent
states that Russia and Japan are not
displeased at the removal of Yuan Shih-
kai. Japan is especially pleased, because
Yuan was her most formidable opponent
in her Manchurian policy. Moreover,
the influence of the Japanese Legation
over Na Tung, who now controls the
Wai-wu-pu, is well known.

(Wah Ts Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, January 8.

The Diplomatic Corps recently called
on Prince Ching with the intention of
enquiring into the dismissal of Yuan
Shih-kai. Prince Ching, however, de-
clined the interview, pleading his
illness.

Commenting on the dismissal of Yuan
Shih-kai from all his offices and his departure
for his native province, where the Throne
advises him to cure his rheumatism, the

